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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly add the following new claims.

21. (new) A labeled polypeptide which comprises an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:73 or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof.

22. (new) The labeled polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, as claimed in claim 21, which is labeled with [<sup>3</sup>H], [<sup>125</sup>I], [<sup>14</sup>C] or [<sup>35</sup>S].

23. (new) The labeled polypeptide or its amide or ester, or a salt thereof, as claimed in claim 21, which is labeled with [<sup>125</sup>I].

24. (new) The labeled polypeptide as claimed in claim 21, which comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65 or SEQ ID NO:66.